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Dear friend Tettenhorst:

Forgive me for addressing you that way; I don't know your first name, nor how you like to be called by friends, new or old.

I was truly delighted to read your letter of April 7. It made my day, as the saying goes. Your friend's question whether "half cents" is equivalent to "half wit" strikes close to the jugular, for me. I, too, received "neglected" signals when too much of my time was devoted to half cent research. One really is a half wit when one reflects with an kin in favor of little copper disks! Fortunately, grounds for divorce in New York do not include an affair with the old coppers. Even so, a man acts at his peril in flirting too much with them.

I have made a note of the catalogue information you gave me. I was not even aware of the Kreisberg Nov. 1972 auction, so I am doubly grateful for that. I missed that sale because the ANS library does not have the catalogue. I've written to Kreisberg for a copy. Hopefully, he still has copies.

Regarding 1795 G-1 and G-3: I also came to the conclusion that there must have been some interrupted uses

of the dies. My own G-3 shows absolutely no bulge over AMER and only a small amount of weakness in the center (HALF CENT). On the other hand, I have received a number of reports, such as your own, that some G-1's show that bulge, as well as many G-3's and old G-8's. As you know, it finally cracks. There must have been some aimless, purposeless ~~switching~~ switching about of the dies by the pressmen who were almost certainly indifferent to which dies they put in the press. It made no difference to them.

Re 1795 G-3: It's odd that the Heliga Ryden VF and your MS 60 both show a planck defect. Of course, they both may not be in the exact spot, or they may not be the same type of defect.

1797 G-4: I have several reports of the crack from the border under the 2, through the tops of UN, and on to the border again.

1797 G-1, G-2: You're right that none of the literature mentions a recent Y. It shows you how there's always something new to see, if only you look. Next time I go to my back vault, I'll check my G-2. I don't own a G-1 yet, unfortunately!

When you get a chance, please scrutinize your other half cents and send me your thoughts. They are much appreciated, along with your pedigree.

Sincerely,
 Will Puffer

Written
to M P
on 4/7/75

For Milton P. Pfeffer

- ✓ 95.1.1 (G1) ~~MS 60~~ He says reverse started to fail during G3, not G1, but mine has clear warp at AMCR, not others
- ✓ 95.2a.1 (G3) Mine also has reverse planchet crack, like Hillier - Ryder
- ✓ 95.5b.2 (G6) EF from Kreisberg Auction 11/27/72 as 3rd Finest known #13
also 95.2a.1 (#12) MS 60
and 1809 I.Circ. AU #28
- ✓ 97.1.3 (G4) 1/1 Reverse has die crack from under 2 thru tops of UN to border. Has all other cracks on obv.
- ✓ 97.2.1 (G3) EF Stacks Auction #35 Mar. 73
also (#34) VF 3b(G1) LE, and 95.6a (G5) AU #31
- ✓ 97.3a.1 (G2) PE VF-EF Stacks Belp Nov. '72
The Y is recent on all 97.3 'a.